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SUBJECT: TEXTILES - BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

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FROM MAESTRONE

1. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL A., POL/ECON COUNSELOR CALLED UNDERSEC SHALABI, MINTRADE, TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENT FOR EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT. SHALABI THEN CONTACTED HAMDI NASSEF ABOUT MATTER. SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH NASSEF REVEALED THAT, IN REALITY, GOE NOT AT ALL CONCERNED ABOUT TEN-DAY GAP AFTER EXPIRATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENT. NASSEF INTIMATED THAT SHALABI WAS A LITTLE OFF BASE AND SIMPLY WAS NOT KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT SITUATION.

2. NASSEF SAID THAT, WHILE GAP NO PROBLEM, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT US DEL COME AS NOW INDICATED. GOE IS INTERESTED IN NEGOTIATING A NEW COTTON BILATERAL AGREEMENT AND BRIGNING IT INTO LINE WITH MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS. EGYPTIANS BELIEVE THEY WOULD OBTAIN BETTER DEAL AS CONSEQUENCE. NASSEF EXPLAINED THAT
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FORMAL EXCHANGE OF NOTES AS ENVISAGED REFTEL A. GETS EGYPTIAN

SIDE INTO LONG DRAWN OUT PROCESS WHICH WOULD INVOLVE CABINET AND PEOPLES ASSEMBLY. ALL THAT WOULD BE NEEDED TO SATISFY EGYPTIAN SIDE WOULD BE SIMPLE LETTER FROM US EMBASSY SAYING THAT NO CHANGES IN EXISTING PROCEDURES ARE ENVISAGED DURING TEN-DAY GAP. NASSEF ADDED THAT US REQUEST FOR 3-MONTH EXTENSION WOULD MAKE IT APPEAR AS IF US REALLY WANTS TO CONTINUE OLD AGREEMENT BY REPEATED EXTENSIONS.

3. ACTION PROPOSED: EMBASSY WILL SEND A LETTER TO UNDERSEC SHALABI CONFIRMING ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT OF US DEL APRIL 10-16 AND, IN SO DOING, MENTION THAT ARRANGEMENTS UNDER EXISTING COTTON TEXTILE AGREEMENT WOULD CONTINUE DURING TEN-DAY INTERIM BETWEEN MAR 31 AND ARRIVAL OF US DEL. PLEASE ADVISE DEPT CONCURRENCE/COMMENT ASAP.
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